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RE: Friends of Barbara Boxer, April Quarterly Report (2/12/04 - 3/31/04)

Dear Ms. Palmer:

This letter is in response to your letter of July 13, 2004, requesting additional information from
the Friends of Barbara Boxer committee with respect to its April Quarterly Report. As counsel to
the Boxer committee, we have reviewed your letter and the report in question and have identified
the cause of the apparent discrepancies.

As indicated on the attached spreadsheet, all of the sixty-nine contributions referenced in your
letter were, in fact, properly reported (or in some instances properly not reported) on the
Committee's April report.[1] Certain amendments to the Committee's pre-primary 48 Hour
Notices, however, apparently have generated duplicative information within the FEC's data
review process, which resulted in certain contributions from the 48 Hour reporting period being
double counted. For example, the committee filed an amended 48 Hour Notice on February 25,
2004. The filing of this amended notice apparently resulted in the Commission recording each
contribution on the amendment as a newly received, additional contribution from that donor,
instead of just amending the reported information about a contribution already received by the
committee and already noticed to the Public Records Office.

To prevent this duplication of information from occurring again, and as we discussed with you

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[1] The contribution which was not noticed completely, from George Mihlsten, was identified accurately by
date, name, address, occupation, and employer, but due to a clerical error was identified on the 48 Hour Notice as
one $2,000 contribution, although it was really two $2,000 contributions.